Kandla-Delhi Pipeline

741. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) propose to lay a pipeline from Kandla to Delhi;

(b) if so, the cost of this proposed line;

(c) whether the work of laying pipeline has started; and

(d) if so, by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Gas Authority of India has proposed to lay an LPG pipeline from Kandla to Delhi at an estimated cost of Rs. 1732 crores.

(c) and (d) The proposal has not yet received the approval of the Government.

Inquiry Committee on decline in crude Oil Production

742. SRHI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleasd to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a high-level committee to go into the reasons for shortfall in crude oil production during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of Members of the Committee;

(c) by when this Report would be submitted; and

(d) the reasons for Government ignoring the problem of decline in crude oil production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The crude oil production had steadily increased during the period 1993-94 to 1995-96. However, the production is estimated to be lower during 1996-97. The Government is fully seized of the problem and has set up a committee of exports headed by Dr. K. Narayanan, a geologist, to look into the reasons for the decline in crude oil production during 1996-97 and suggest remedial reasures. The Committee is requested submit its report within a period of three months. The other Members of the Commiittee are:—

1. Shri J.S. Baijal
2. Major General (Retired) S.C.N. Jatar
3. Shri S.N. Talukdar
4. Dr. Avinash Chandra.

Completion of Work at Kaiga Atomic Power Project

743. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on collapsed partion at Kaiga Atomic Power Project has since been completed;

(b) whether the two committees which went into the reasons for the collapse have pinpointed the causes of the same; if so, the details thereof;

(c) the original date of its completion and the new target date of its commissioning; and

(d) what was the original estimated cost and what is the revised estimated cost of this projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Latent deficiency in certain aspect of design and programmeing deficiency in execution have been identified by the two commitees constituted by the Atomic Enrgy Regulatory Board and the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited for this purpose, as the main reasons for the incident.